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Timely Tidbits ...**EDS Files Permit for Auxiliary Well**

Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), has applied for permission to construct and operate a second nonhazardous/hazardous-waste disposal well next to its existing well near Northline and Wahrman roads. The permit application for this auxiliary well was filed with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) last week.

A copy of the application will be on file for public review at the Romulus Public Library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) sometime next week.

For more information, contact Austin Marshall, Vice President, EDS, at 313-955-2100, or David Werbach, geologist/permit writer, USEPA, at 312-886-4242. Written comments may be sent to Mr. Werbach by addressing them to:

Mr. David Werbach
c/o USEPA Region 5
WU-17J
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604

Spaghetti Dinner Benefits Cymonne

A spaghetti-dinner benefit has been planned by the Friends of Cymonne Pyles to raise money for medical expenses incurred by the family of the Romulus eight-year-old, who has a malignant brain tumor.

The dinner – to be held at Romulus High School (located at 9650 South Wayne Road, across from McDonald's) on Wednesday, January 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. – will feature a menu of spaghetti, salad, beverage, and dessert.

Tickets are \$5 for adults/\$3.50 for children, and are currently available at all five Romulus elementary schools (Barth, Cory, Halcreek, Merriman, and Wick).

Cash donations are also appreciated. Please send your check or money order (made payable to "Friends of Cymonne") to:

The Friends of Cymonne
P.O. Box 74476
Romulus, MI 48174 □

Cislo Announces Candidacy for State Rep Seat

Taylor resident Susan Cislo announced Wednesday that she plans to run for the office of State Representative for the 22nd District, which will be vacant following the expected resignation of current Representative Gregory Pitoniak on January 31.

Pitoniak has already stated that he plans to resign his seat at the end of the month to become Mayor of Taylor, effective February 1, following the resignation of current Mayor Cameron Priebe, who is leaving office on January 31 to join Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara's administrative team.

Governor John Engler will announce the date of a special election to fill Pitoniak's seat soon after the Representative's resignation becomes official.

Cislo is already familiar to many local residents due to her unsuccessful campaign against Pitoniak in last November's general election, when she ran as an independent candidate with no party affiliation.

When making her announcement, Cislo also briefly discussed her plans for office, should she be elected.

"I have several major legislative goals that I would like to accomplish," Cislo stated. "One of the most important would be to provide extra money to school districts for retraining of teachers in the use of the phonics method of teaching reading, as well as for the revised textbooks that would be required for those districts choosing that direction."

Cislo continued, "For several decades now, the schools have been experimenting with other methods of teaching reading – with disastrous results. It is time to return to what we know works. The ability to read is the foundation for acquiring knowledge, not just in school, but throughout life."

"My top priorities are education, protection of the environment, and local control. It is time for our communities to come together behind candidates who



Susan Cislo

are addressing causes rather than just throwing money at the problems," she concluded. □

Geneva Clark Is Chamber's Person of the Year

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce has announced its selection of Mrs. Geneva Clark as the group's 17th Annual Person of the Year.

The longtime Romulus resident has dedicated a large portion of her life to making her community a better place to live. Besides spending many years with the Eager Beavers, a handicap organization, she has also been involved with local PTA and Girl Scouts groups, and has won several awards (including "Woman of the Year" in 1973–74) for her service work. Most recently, Clark's efforts in the community were acknowledged when she was asked to serve as Grand Marshal of Romulus High School's 1996 Homecoming Parade.

"Geneva is a true lady who is very generous, intelligent, and dignified," wrote Carole Bales, who nominated Clark for the Person of the Year award. "She is quick-witted and fun-loving, and anyone who knows her has been truly blessed."

An awards banquet honoring Geneva Clark for her outstanding volunteer service and dedication to this community will be held at the Romulus Marriott on Friday, March 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available from the Chamber Office; checks for the donation amount of \$30 per person should be mailed to:

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce
31200 Industrial Expressway
Romulus, MI 48174

and must be received at the office no later than Sunday, March 16.

For more information, contact Karan Johnson, executive secretary, at 326-4290. □



Geneva Clark

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

EDS Updates Citizens on Permit Status

To the Editor:

The following letter is intended to provide information to local residents who are interested in the status of the Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) deepwell project.

EDS filed a construction permit application for a treatment, storage, and deepwell disposal facility on Citrin Drive (near Inkster Road) in Romulus, Michigan, on January 7, 1997. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) will take 30 days to determine if it is administratively complete. If the MDEQ determines that the application is incomplete, the State review stops unless EDS resubmits a complete application. If the MDEQ determines that the application is complete, its time line will be as follows:

- Sixty (60) days after EDS submits a complete application, *the State will hold a public hearing.*
- Seventy-five (75) days after EDS submits a complete application, the public comment period ends. The MDEQ prepares a responsiveness summary, and also requests the Municipality and the County to appoint individuals to serve on the Site Review Board (SRB) appointed by the Governor.
- One hundred and twenty (120) days after EDS submits a complete application, the MDEQ director refers the application to the SRB, or the MDEQ notifies the applicant of its intent to deny the permit and initiates the public participation process on the denial of the application.
- One hundred and fifty (150) days after EDS submits a complete application, the SRB meets to review the application and establish a timeline.
- One hundred and ninety-five (195) days after EDS submits a complete application, the SRB holds a public hearing to receive comments on the application.
- Two hundred and ten (210) days after EDS submits a complete application, the public comment period ends. The SRB then separates and lists those issues to be addressed through a negotiation process.
- Three hundred (300) days after EDS submits a complete application, the SRB concludes the formal Act 451 negotiation process.
- Three hundred and thirty (330) days after EDS submits a complete application, the SRB either approves or rejects the application and directs the MDEQ to initiate the public participation process.
- Three hundred and ninety (390) days after EDS submits a complete application, *the MDEQ holds a public hearing on the draft permit or denial of the permit.*
- Four hundred and five (405) days after EDS submits a complete application, the public comment period ends. The MDEQ responds to comments and issues, denies the permit per SRB directive, or reconvenes the SRB to consider issues raised during public participation.
- Four hundred and thirty-five (435) days after EDS submits a complete application, within 30 days, the SRB makes a final decision and directs

the MDEQ regarding its recommendation. The MDEQ makes a final determination through its director.

Note: The SRB has legal authority to extend the formal Act 451 negotiation process by up to 60 days if so requested by the applicant and one or more local affected parties. Under such cases, all dates beyond Day 300 should be adjusted accordingly.

If any reader has a question regarding the review process, Mr. Ken Burda of the State's Waste Management Division can be reached at 517-373-0530.

Austin Marshall
Vice President, EDS

EDS Clarifies Statement About Houghton Well

To the Editor:

In a letter which was published in a recent issue of *The Eyewitness*, Ms. Sandra Yerman stated that I had glossed over the fact that the commercial deepwell in Houghton Lake is a nonhazardous well. My mention of this commercial deepwell was simply a correction to a false statement which had been made

in some RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People) literature which stated the EDS (Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.) deepwell in Romulus would be the first commercial Class 1 deepwell in Michigan. RECAP's statement was not true, and I was simply trying to point out there was another commercial well located in a vacation area of our state. In fact, it is my understanding that a third commercial Class 1 well is now being permitted in Gaylord, Michigan – another vacation area. The Gaylord deepwell is also a nonhazardous well.

In addition, there are hundreds to thousands of Class 2 wells in Michigan, some of which are commercial. The commercial Class 2 wells are used to dispose of hazardous substances in wastewater from oil and gas production operations.

What also should be noted is that the experience factor with commercial wells indicates that they are operated more carefully than private wells.

Austin Marshall
Vice President, EDS □

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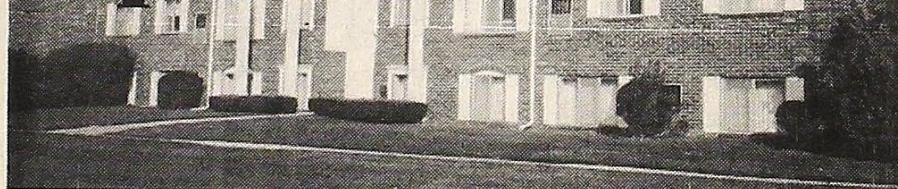
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Environmental Protection Tops Bennett's Priority List

Included among the very first bills introduced for the 89th Legislative session are two measures to keep Michigan's environment clean and to crack down even harder on those who violate environmental laws, Senator Loren Bennett recently announced.

Bennett, sponsor of the bills and chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee, recently introduced Senate Bills 4 and 5 to help protect Michigan's environment. Senate Bill 4 would prohibit the transportation and disposal of any solid waste in Michigan that is not generated in this state. Bennett explained that implementation of the bill would depend upon action by the Federal government to allow states to individually regulate transportation and disposal of solid waste.

"Michigan shouldn't be a dumping ground for other states' refuse; this is not the situation we want to leave our children," Bennett said. "Yet, our hands are tied where private interests are concerned because the Federal government has not granted us the authority we need. I am very anxious for Congress to act so we can move forward."

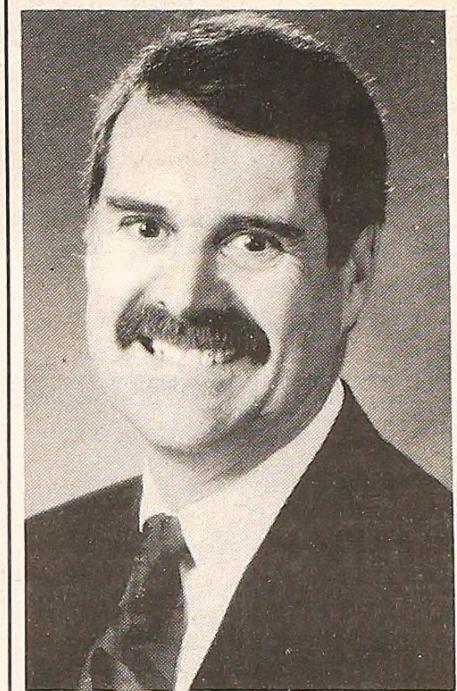
Senate Bill 5 would increase the penalties for illegal dumping of certain toxins. Violators can currently be fined and/or imprisoned for the illegal transportation, storage, disposal, or generation of hazardous waste.

"This bill covers a very important oversight in the current law," Bennett said. "It would allow us to make the convicted violator pay for all associated corrective-action costs. Hazardous-waste cleanup is a phenomenally costly burden that often falls upon taxpayers. Not any more, if I can help it."

Impersonating a Public Utility Worker Could Become a Felony

Impersonating a public utility worker to commit or attempt to commit a crime could soon carry a felony sentence of its own, according to Senator Loren Bennett. Bennett introduced Senate Bill 6 on the first day of the new legislative session as a statement to criminals that lawmakers are determined to continue the get-tough-on-crime agenda of the past few years.

"Citizens are extremely vulnerable to individuals they perceive as having a legitimate reason to be on their property or enter their homes," Bennett said. "Impersonating a utility worker to commit a crime is nearly as bad as impersonating a police officer or other law-enforcement official. We don't expect our homes to be violated by those we trust, and therein lies the opportunity for criminals. We're going to make it more costly for them should they use this deception."



Senator Loren Bennett

Bennett said senior citizens are most often the victims targeted for such crimes. Safety tips include learning what the identification cards of utility companies look like, asking for the identification, seeking identifying marks on the utility vehicle, and calling the utility company to confirm the employee's legitimacy. These steps should be taken prior to granting the individual access to your home.

"Criminals considering this *modus operandi* should think twice, or be prepared to serve two extra years," Bennett said. The bill has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Romulus Business Receives Training Grant for Workers

More than 120 employees at Shiloh of Michigan, L.L.C., located in Romulus, will soon upgrade their working skills through Wayne County Community College, thanks to a grant from the Michigan Jobs Commission, Senator Loren Bennett recently announced.

The grant of up to \$238,604 will be used to train the workers in lift truck/crane operations, listening skills, and computer programs.

Bennett said, "The Jobs Commission recognizes that our work force needs to stay on top of skill improvements in order for Michigan businesses to remain competitive in both national and global markets. I am always happy to see these funds put to good use within a community I represent."

The Michigan Jobs Commission works in partnership with local communities and existing State businesses to retain and expand job opportunities, prepare workers for career advancements, and improve the overall business climate.

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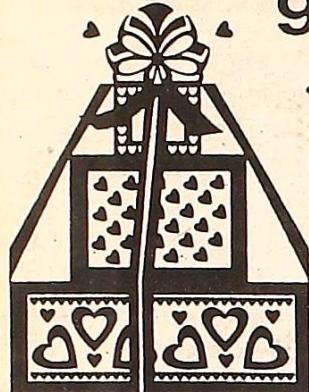
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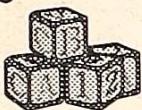
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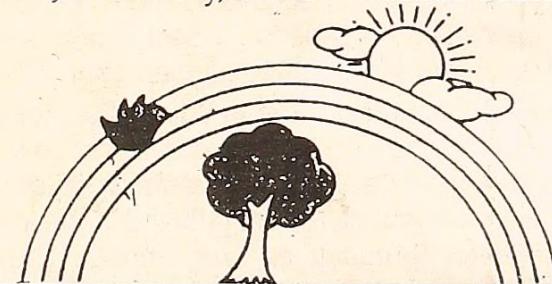
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Over 400 delicious recipes were contributed by 62 of Michigan's favorite cookbooks. Editors Gwen McKee and Barbara Moseley began their search almost two years ago.

"It's a long process," said McKee. "Becoming aware of all the leading cookbooks in a particular state takes a lot of digging."

They found a diverse group of favorites ranging from well-known books by noteworthy authors produced by large publishers, Junior Leagues, or other civic organizations, to charismatic little community cookbooks that rarely get known beyond their neighborhoods.

"We open ourselves for whatever comes down the pike," Moseley said. "We don't judge a book by its cover. We go deeper than that, and lots of the creative recipes come from tiny communities that don't have a lot of money to put out an expensive cookbook. But that's also where many of the best recipes come from."

After collecting cookbooks from all over the State and choosing the ones to be included, the editors were faced with the almost overwhelming task of wading through the mounds of contributed recipes. "We reviewed so many delicious recipes that it was difficult to decide on the 400 or so to be included," says McKee. From newer recipes like Crispy Pita Triangles and Heavenly Cherry Angel Food Trifle, to common Michigan favorites like Old Settler's Beans, Pasties, and Mom Miller's Old Fashioned Pumpkin Pie, this book has something for everyone. There are even some mysterious-sounding recipes like Red Dog Treats and Chef Larry's Blessing!

Collectively, the recipes from these cookbooks convey the unique variety of Michigan cooking. The recipes not only produce delicious meals, but provide an insight into Midwestern culture and people.

"We were amazed to find so much diversity," said McKee. "Recipes like Lake Michigan Fish Boil, Stuffed Michigan Morels, and Traverse City Cherry Berry Pie have been perfected to gourmet status. And there are also many ethnic dishes such as Greek Style Meatloaf, Swedish Rice Pudding, and Engelkuss (chocolate angel kisses), originated by people who have ties to those nationalities."

This outstanding new cookbook is the newest edition in Quail Ridge Press' Best of the Best state cookbook series, now totaling 21 volumes, including: Ala-

bama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New England, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas I, Texas II, and Virginia. This series is widely considered the most comprehensive survey available of a state's particular cooking style and flavor.

Each contributing cookbook is featured in a catalog section that provides a photograph of the book's cover plus a description and ordering information. Contributing cookbooks can be ordered directly from their publisher, a unique feature relished by cookbook collectors. Some local cookbooks chosen to be included in *Best of the Best from Michigan* are: *Allen Park Garden Club Recipe Book* by Allen Park Garden Club, *High Fit - Low Fat Vegetarian* and *High Fit - Low Fat* by the University of Michigan Medical Center, *The Bountiful Arbor* by The Junior League of Ann Arbor, *The Dexter Cider Mill Apple Cookbook* by Katherine Merkel Koziski, *Chelsea Cooks* by Chelsea Area Playgroup, *Recipes and Remembrances II* by Rockwood Area Historical Society, *From Our Home to Yours* by United Home Health Services Inc., *Simply Sensational* by Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish, *Ferndale Friends Cook Book* and *Cook Book: The Best of Michigan* by June Harding, *Renaissance Cuisine* by Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital & Medical Center, *Opaa! Greek Cooking Detroit Style* by George Gekas Bonus Book, *Hollyhocks & Radishes* by Bonnie Stewart Mickelson Pickle Point Publishing, *Just Inn Time for Breakfast* by Tracy and Phyllis Winters.

For those who admit to reading cookbooks like novels, this one also features personal stories and special tips cleverly told by authors and chefs and hometown cooks, plus interesting historical facts, photographs from around the State, and original illustrations by Tupper England.

If you don't find *Best of the Best from Michigan* (288 pages, \$14.95) at your favorite book store or gift shop, you can order by calling 1-800-343-1583. Or simply call for a free brochure. This cookbook boldly lives up to its title; it is without a doubt, the *Best of the Best from Michigan*. □

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Guest Commentary

Cigarettes, Cigars, and Cinema

By Jacque Martin-Downs, MA/MSW, prevention coordinator for the Hegira Prevention Program

Is it just me, or have you been noticing that more and more movies have smokers in them? It's not like the smoking appreciably improves the movie or endears me to the smoker. I have yet to figure out why smoking a cigarette adds to a character's persona.

Further, we are seeing stars like Demi Moore, Julie Andrews, Diane Keaton, Goldie Hawn, Whoopi Goldberg, and Bette Midler on posters and advertisements with a cigar hanging from their lips.

Are kids influenced by all of this? You bet they are. They are highly influenced by two factors: the power of the media and what their parents do.

The weekly television documentary *48 Hours* had an excellent segment on the skyrocketing increase in teen smoking and a movement in Massachusetts to counter "Joe Camel." The people of Massachusetts have been diligently working to stamp out the famous camel icon through a multi-million-dollar advertisement campaign showing the detrimental effects of smoking.

48 Hours highlighted the premature cancer death of one of the famed Marlboro men, who was "used" to punctuate the sad myth that macho, cool people smoke. Today, another ex-Marlboro model gives a message to high-school students across the Country about how the media glamorizes smoking, "suckering" young people into thinking that smoking is not only cool but healthy.

Though the Massachusetts initiative is ongoing, they have found that, through their campaign efforts, attitudes of young people are beginning to change. Attitudes must change before people will do something different.

My fellow Hegira Prevention specialists have gone into various school districts to educate students on the negative aspects of smoking. They walk a fine line between being honest about smoking and not scaring the kids whose parents smoke. As unfortunate as it is, the facts of life are that if you smoke consistently, you have a much greater chance of contracting one or another pulmonary or respiratory disease. Parents who smoke also need to be aware of the numerous chemicals that they are inhaling. These include: acetone (finger nail polish remover), ammonia, arsenic, butane (as in the lighter), carbon monoxide, copper, formaldehyde (for embalming corpses), mercury, stearic acid, titanium, and vinyl chloride, to name just a few. Education teaches kids that anyone ingesting these chemicals through smoking will have serious health problems because of it. The truth hurts, but we need to begin to counter the norm that says, "There's nothin' wrong with smoking," or "Some people don't get sick from smoking."

Where do we begin? First, parents can stop smoking so that they can set an example. Second, talk to your kids about the myth that smoking is harmless. Third, send your smoking adolescent through a smoking education program to see what he/she is getting into.

These measures are simple but helpful. We can all work to change the norm.

For more information about Hegira Prevention and its various programs, call 313-513-7598.

Editor's note: The purpose of the "Guest Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community and other interested parties with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. □



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- **Sleeping Beauty on Ice** – A production of *Sleeping Beauty on Ice* will be given at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts (located on the Macomb Community College campus, one mile east of Lakeside Mall at Hall/M-59 and Garfield roads in Clinton Township) at 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 30, and Friday, January 31. Tickets are \$33 for golden circle/\$29 for adults/\$26 for students and senior citizens. For ticket information, call the Macomb Center box office (810-286-2222) or Ticketmaster (810-645-6666).
- **HCT Presents *Vanities*** – The Huron Civic Theatre (located at 32044 Huron River Drive in New Boston) will present *Vanities* – a Second Stage Production, directed by Dawn Daniels, of the bitter-sweet comedy by Jack Heifner – during the weekend of January 24–26. For ticket information, call the HCT Box Office: 782-5380.
- **"How To Talk So Kids Will Listen"** – Community United Methodist Church (located at 11160 Olive, Romulus) is continuing its series of parenting sessions featuring the video *How To Talk So Kids Will Listen*, with discussion led by Tracy Colangleo, a certified family counselor. Sessions will be held at 7 p.m. on February 3, February 10, February 17, and February 24. Cost is \$5 per family per session. For more information, or to register, please call the Church office (941-0736) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday.
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The Tons of Fun Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. For information on upcoming events, call 313-438-1802.
- **Help for Pregnant and Parenting Teens** – The Young Mothers Assistance Program (Y-MAP) offers pregnant and parenting teens help with community-resource referrals, monthly support groups, personal counseling, and more. For information, call 313-513-7598.
- **Romulus Little League Meetings** – The Romulus Little League Board of Directors invites the public to attend its regular meetings, held at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month (next meeting: February 5) at the Romulus Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins).
- **Pumpkin Festival Committee Needs You!** – The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee is working to host the first annual Pumpkin Festival in September. The Committee's meetings are held in the Romulus City Hall Community Room (located in the lower level) at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. (Next meeting: February 20.) For information, call Susan Watts at 941-0476.
- **BHGC Feeds the Hungry** – The Beverly House of God Church (34156 Beverly Road, Romulus) – with its motto of "Tell them that you love them; show them that you care; reach beyond the church" – offers meals to those in need each Monday and Wednesday (except holidays) from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call Dr. Lovell Wooden, Senior Pastor, at 729-6440.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

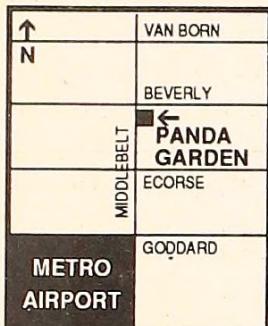
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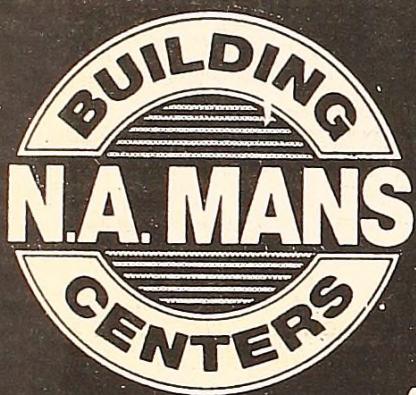
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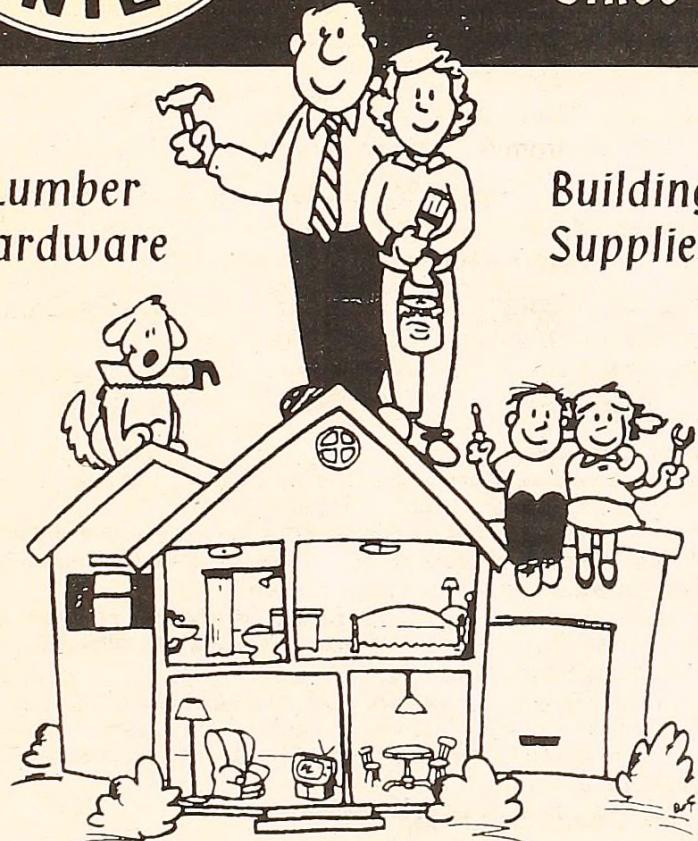
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RMS, RHS Students Honored

By Ed Clark, principal, Romulus Middle School

Teachers selected a total of 256 Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School students for "Student of the Month" honors during the months of September, October, November, and December, based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance during that time period. Students attending ceremonies recognizing their achievement received a certificate and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the following Students of the Month.

September

Mubbeena Ahmad, Willie Anderson, Jennifer Andrews, Christina Bouquenoy, Kristen Brooks, Shyla Broom, Ebitari Burutolu, Elizabeth Caburet, Stephanie Canada, Sarah Cox, Takisha Davis, Ann Marie DeCamillo, Jessica Dennard, Kamal Edwards, Sherry Ellison, Michael Evensen, Tim Garrison, Theresa Genaw, Jason Gibson, John Goodman, Jerome Gray, Tishona Gregory, Natalie Griffith, Jennell Harper, Larry Hartz, Isaiah Hemmingway, Leslie Hicks, Sarah Hudson, Deana Hunter, Alexia Johnson, Tiffany Kerekes, Jessica Kortas, Kathryn Kraft, Tracy Lafehr, Myra Lockhart, Amarillis Martinez, John McCullough, Jeremy McDonald, Jazzmen Medley, Bridgette Miller, Kimberly Mingo, Aaron Moring, Joana Moton, Randall Olson, Mandi Onufer, Nicholas Paré, Nicole Parks, Christina Paul, Alfred Riopelle, Fred Russell (Athlete), LaTonya Staple, Nichole Starnes, Melissa Swazey, Joseph Tromblay, Christina Wands, Patrice Webster, Jessica Williams, Charlene Winters, David Wyscaver, and Janet Ziemczyk.

October

Latoya Bell (Athlete), Candice Birmingham, Tomeka Boles, Angela Bowdler, David Boyd, Wanakee Burke, Thomas Bussell, Kelly Carroll, Valda Cole, Andrea Deline, Robert Druyor, Shannon Dugan, Tracie Finley, Aimee Fisher, John Fox, Timothy Garrison, Theresa Genaw, William Gibson, Megan Gilliland, Kristin Godard, Heather Goniea, Natalie Griffith, Stephen Harper, Kalene Harris, Carla Harris, Stephanie Henry, Shannon Herauf, Rebecca Hill, Moriah Holbrook, Heidi Holloway, Danielle Judy, Shantia Kendrick, Scott Kennedy, Chauntaya King, Erika Lachcik, Tracy Lafehr, James Lee, Larry Lindenmuth, Myra Lockhart, Makenzie Logan, Amber Long, Brian Longre, Victor Lucaj, Michael Madison, Nicole McKinney, Felicia Middlebrooks, Devon Mootry, Margaret Nehila, Jennifer Ottenbreit, David Pardon, Nicole Parsons, Shawna Pattenau, Emily Schulz, Charles Searcy, Theresa Shelley, Kristen Singer, Sabrina Stetler, Taquilla Travis, Tyron

Truitt, Kionta Turrentine, Kris Weimer, Amanda Williams, and Ray Woodrow.

November

Heide Adams, Anja Anderson, Melissa Arnold, Aviance Bates, Jessica Belcher, Bronson Bell, Brad Bowman, James Brasili, Jennifer Breeding, Jessie Brohl, Tara Brown, Denise Chamers, Tamra Ciarrocchi, Andrea Coate, Courtney Daniels, Dayna Dawson, Andrea Deline, Nathan Devine, Sean Dick, Jessica Evensen, Jason Fehrenbach, Tracie Finley, Matthew Gibbons, Adam Gibbons, Tishona Gregory, Jason Griggs, Rizwan Hag, Dwayne Harris, Ryan Henne, Chantall Hood, Amy Hudson, Lisa Itoney, Jessica Jackson, Justin Joiner, Danielle Judy, Ameerah Khalifa, Kevin Kilmer, René Koennecke, Anson Long, Martin Lucaj, Jasmine Mark, Lonnie McCollum, Verlin McGowan, Daniel McLaughlin, Amanda Michniak, Felicia Middlebrooks, David Moonaw, Jasmine Noble, Rebecca Oleszkowicz, Rubens Paillere, Terry Patierno, John Penn, Melissa Plave, Erica Reed, Ryan Robinson, Kathryn Rushlow, Linda Ryznar, Jimmy Sanders, Rebecca Shelby, Jennifer Sipple, Ashaundei Smith, Christopher Taylley, James Taylor, Jehiquita Tucker, Kionta Turrentine, Damond Williams, Ray Woodrow, and Rashad Woods.

December

Mubbeena Ahmad, Jennifer Andrews, Jarene Armstrong, Patrice Beasley, Yolonda Bell, Bronson Bell, Chrystal Blair, Tomeka Boles, Rachel Broom, Amy Brown, Carrie Brown, Tyee Brown, Renee Byard, Stephanie Canada, Jerry Clark, Ginger Coak, Cassandra Dawson, Shannon Dugan, Timothy Flake, Richard Foster, Talisa Garcia, Kristen Godard, Taniesha Hampton, Jennifer Harper, Asia Hellum, Ileena Hill, Keith Hubbard, Anthony Jezierski, Jessica Johnson, Richard June, Michael Kilgore, Robert Lazere, Eric Lindquist, Melissa Lindquist, Sammanthe Lindsey, Myra Lockhart, Stacey Luczak, Dinah Malosh, Jonathan Manthei, Ryan Martell, Julius Martin, Crystal Massey, Marceia Mays, Michael McNeil, Steven Mientkiewicz, Loretta Miles, Jerel Morris, Matthew Neumann, Alexandria Odgers, Heather Penny, Nicole Perva, Arkeyta Porter, James Rose, Ebony Sandusky, Kerol Sandusky, Nicole Sharp, Michael Smith, Ashaundei Smith, Christina Tieppo, Andre Trumble, Kanetra Warren, Ryan Watts, John Webster, Shawnda Williams, and Rashad Woods.

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Romulus Police Department Is Now on the Internet

In an effort to enhance means of communication between the public and law enforcement, the Romulus Police Department has established a web site on the internet.

Included in this site are feedback forms which will automatically E-mail concerns and responses to the Department, as well as sections such as Crime Prevention Tips, Unsolved Cases and Rewards, Department Directory and Command Structure, and Employment Information.

Numerous "links" to other Federal, state, and municipal agencies

are also provided.

With the wide recognition of the internet as the "wave of the future," more police departments are coming on-line all the time, and Romulus is one of the first in this area. Romulus Police also communicate with the 34th District Court, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, and other agencies through video conferencing.

The internet address for the Romulus Police Department is <http://members.aol.com/romuluspd/>.

E-mail the Police Department at Romuluspd@aol.com. □

BENNETT

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Bennett Announces District Office Hours

Residents of Flat Rock and the surrounding area are encouraged to join Senator Loren Bennett for informal district office hours on Friday, January 31, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Flat Rock Family Cafe.

Bennett said that he travels about the district and holds office hours in each community, rather than having a central district office.

"I want to be accessible to all of the constituents I serve," Bennett said. "I feel I am able to reach more people by

going to where they live and work, not the other way around."

Bennett – who holds district office hours to discuss constituent problems, concerns, and ideas – is seeking ways to increase participation in those office hours.

"I chose the Flat Rock Family Cafe because it has a very informal and casual atmosphere, and meeting there is simply a pleasant way to start off the day. I want the people who join me to be comfortable."

The Flat Rock Family Cafe is located at 27103 Telegraph Road in Flat Rock. □

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retaries); Romulus Secondary School Administrators; Romulus Kiwanis; Romulus Progressive Club; Kundan Sata, D.D.S.; Saw & Specialty Corp.; Sigma Tau Service Club; St. Lawrence Inc.; Stears True Value Hardware; Total Petroleum, Inc.; Tower Automotive; Trans-Overseas Corporation; United Brass Manufacturers, Inc.; VFW Post 9568 (Romulus); Westlane Industries (Kean Manufacturing Corporation); and Windex Hardware. □

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REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 9, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, December 9, 1996 was called to order by President Kenneth E. Berlin at 7:31 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Sandra F. Langley absent (excused). Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, was absent (excused). All other administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Berlin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, requested that the Agenda be amended as follows: Move Item VI. E. "Quarterly Financial Report" to Item VI. D. "Re-teaching and Tutoring Proposals".

12/96/1 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

12/96/2 Moved by Lenossi supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Minutes of November 25, 1996 as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, recommended the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RETIREMENT: Venora Miller-Johnson, Teacher, Effective date January 1, 1997.

12/96/3 Moved by Gondek supported by Lenossi to approve the personnel actions as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, presented the following Bills for Payment for Board approval.

12/96/4 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Bills for Payment as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Service Learning Report – Kathy Hurst

Mrs. Kathy Hurst was present and updated the Board of Education on the Service Learning Program's various activities and responded to questions as presented.

Quarterly Financial Report

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, discussed the report that we receive quarterly from Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel, and responded to questions solicited by members of the Board of Education.

Re-teaching Proposals

12/96/5 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi to remove the Re-teaching Proposal from the table. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

12/96/6 Moved by Woods supported by Oleszkowicz that all students with a "D" or below will be in mandatory re-teaching. Ayes: 5. Nays: 1 (Gondek). Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Various members of the audience discussed the following topics with the Board of Education: 1) re-teaching strategies; 2) lower class sizes; and 3) contract settlement.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with the Board of Education: 1) Dolan/Administrator responsibilities; 2) K. Hurst – elementary tutoring; 3) Thanksgiving – Alternative School; 4) Alumni Craft Show; and 5) D. Hurst – Fall Athletic Banquet.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

None.

Executive Session – Negotiations

12/96/7 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:27 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 10:04 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

12/96/8 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard J. Kesner, Secretary
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Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

Dance Classes

The winter session's eight-week dance program – which begins February 3 – will be held Mondays at Romulus High School according to the following schedule:

- ballet (5 to 6 p.m.),
- preschool dance (6 to 7 p.m.), and
- adult dance & exercise (7 to 8 p.m.). (Other dance classes in jazz and tap may be added if enough interest is displayed; these classes would be held on Tuesdays.) Cost is \$25 for residents; \$30 for nonresidents.

Teen Drop-in Basketball

A drop-in basketball program for Romulus teens (proper I.D. required) is being conducted at Merriman (Wednesdays) and Wick (Thursdays) schools. Middle School students play from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; High School students play from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$1 per evening.

Men's Drop-in Hoops

Adult men from Romulus (proper I.D. required) can drop in for basketball play from 6 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday at the Middle School. Cost is \$2 per evening.

Adult Coed Volleyball

Also underway is a drop-in volleyball program open to adult Romulus residents (again, proper I.D. required). Play will be held at Wick School on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$2 per evening.

Quilting Classes

Getting together to combine friendly socialization with the art of quilting is a time-honored ritual as old as America itself – and it's a tradition that the Romulus Recreation Department is doing its part to continue. Drop-in classes for beginning and experienced quilters are held each Thursday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Recreation Building. Cost is \$1 for Romulus senior citizens; \$1.50 for other residents; \$2 for nonresidents.

Ceramics Classes

The Romulus Recreation Department's weekly drop-in ceramics class is open to interested people of all skill levels at the Recreation building each Monday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$1.50 per class for residents, \$2 for nonresidents. An additional firing charge equal to half the cost of the green ware will be due upon completion of each project.

Mother/Son Dance

The Romulus Recreation Department's annual Mother/Son Dance will be held at Romulus Middle School on Wednesday, February 19. The cost is \$7 per couple, plus \$2 for each additional son. Tickets must be purchased at the Romulus Recreation Department by Friday, February 14.

At the Library . . .

The following free programs are being offered at the Romulus Public Library, located at 11121 South Wayne Road next to City Hall. The Library is open every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays from 12 to 5 p.m. (closed Fridays and Sundays).

For more information, please call 942-7589.

Storytime Programs

The Romulus Public Library's Preschool Storytime Program for children ages three to five who are ready for independent listening will feature stories, games, and crafts. Parents can choose between evening sessions (Tuesdays at 7 p.m.) and morning sessions (Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.), both of which will begin the first week of February and continue through the end of March. Preregistration is required, since class size is limited.

Creativity with Rubber Stamps

Children in grades two through six can let their creative juices flow as they try their hand at making cards and bookmarks for the spring holidays during this fun program, slated for Saturday, February 1. Preregistration is required, since class size is limited to 24.

Black History Alive

In honor of Black History Month, Brown Sugar and Spice will present "Black History Alive" on Tuesday, February 11, at 7 p.m. Using instruments, storytelling, and African artifacts, this exciting program brings history to life and traces the black man's history in chronological sequence from ancient Africa to modern times. Topics will include Africa, The Middle Passage, Slavery, The Underground Railroad, and Black Inventors. □

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Volunteers Needed

The Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services is seeking volunteers to deliver hot meals to homebound seniors in Romulus. All that is needed is a willing heart, transportation, and 30 to 60 minutes, one to five mornings per week. Volunteers receive a 21-cents-per-mile reimbursement.

For more information, please call Fran Ryder at 326-4444 or Sherry Rush at 942-6852.

Donation Sought

The Romulus Recreation and Senior Center is looking for the donation of a working television for use at the Center. For more information, please call 942-6852.

Paczkis!

Make the most of Fat Tuesday's excuse to splurge on February 11 when the Romulus Senior Center will serve fresh paczkis ("poonckies"), hot coffee, and juice. Cost is just \$1. Sign up at the Center.

Potluck

It might be the middle of winter, but the forecast for January 31 calls for a heat wave at the Romulus Senior Center. That's because the theme of this month's potluck is "south of the border" – and chili (not too spicy) will be the main dish. As always, bring a dish and bring a friend.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for senior citizens – has been set for Wednesday, January 29, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center. Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) are welcome.

Haircuts

Senior citizens can come into the Romulus Senior Center for \$5 haircuts on Monday, February 10, or Tuesday, February 11, beginning at 4 p.m. Walk-ins are always welcome, but, for your own convenience, the Center recommends calling ahead for an appointment. (Note: Since "shampoo" facilities are not available, seniors must arrive with clean hair.)

Toning To Tape

The Romulus Senior Center invites those who are interested in looking and feeling better to make use of the Richard Simmons "Silver Foxes" exercise video, available for play at the Center every weekday from 9 to 9:45 a.m., and during some afternoons as well. The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

Free Blood-pressure Readings

Community Emergency Medical Service conducts its free blood-pressure checks at the Center on the fourth Monday of every month at 1 p.m. Next scheduled date: January 27.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); and pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- **Casino Niagara** – Those who like to flirt with Lady Luck won't want to miss this trip to the Casino Niagara, located in Niagara Falls, Ontario. The \$101 cost of this two-day/one-night trip (based on double-occupancy rates), which departs February 16, includes round-trip motorcoach transportation; one night's accommodation at the Skyline Brock Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario; one dinner; and one breakfast.

- **Day Trips** – Among several "day trips" that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center are one to a "Polish Party," complete with old-fashioned, homemade Polish goodies and great live music (Wednesday, January 29; \$35); one to Sarnia, Ontario, for all-day bingo, including a chance at a \$2,000 super jackpot (Wednesday, February 13; \$38); and one to Toledo for an "Irish Shamrock" special with Hal Roach, the King of Blarney, whose outrageously funny collection of stories depicting the great humor of his own people has captivated audiences all over the world (Thursday, March 6; \$48). Be sure to sign up soon if you're interested in any of these trips. □

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If you are a resident of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Senior Profiles: Jane Kobylski and Mildred Qualls

Editor's note: This is the thirteenth and fourteenth in an ongoing series of biographies on local senior citizens written by Romulus High School teacher Cathy Uhring's 1995-1996 freshman

English students, and published in Open Up the Doors of the Past.

Watch for more senior-citizen biographies in future issues of "the little paper."

"If You're Active, You Will Live and Work Longer"



Jane Kobylski

By Robert Boykins

Jane Kobylski's parents had four children, one daughter and three boys. Her father worked for trains when he was younger. He was able to travel a lot. He was also a member of the V.F.W. in Lincoln Park. He died when he was eighty-five. Her father was Republican and her mother was Democrat.

Jane met her husband through a friend. She was married at seventeen. Her husband was manager of A & P for forty years. They went on a vacation every year. She has traveled all over the United States. She and her husband had one child. She had her when she was seventeen. She says she was not a strict parent. She raised her child the same way she was raised. She never spanked her child. She taught her to be outgoing and active. Today her daughter is a professional belly dancer. She was

also a runner-up in a beauty pageant in Lincoln Park. When her daughter was young they would go shopping in Detroit. It cost six cents for the town car to go downtown. All her grandchildren, Richard, Judy, Christy, and Jody Miller, went to Romulus Schools.

During her career, Jane was a professional model. She modeled coats during the war. She was also a dancer. She was also a writer for the *Detroit Free Press*.

Jane's favorite president was John F. Kennedy.

Today, Jane walks up to four miles a day. She believes if you're active you will live and work longer.

Jane believes that when she was a kid there was more to do. She thinks it's good to learn and explore more.

Jane says that when she was in school it was a lot safer. She attended Lincoln Park High School.

Jane shared some other interesting facts with me. When she was nine, she went to New York City by herself. She saw the Statue of Liberty, Chinatown, and the Empire State Building. Also, when she was young, she went to Ohio to go swimming. When her father died, they gave him a V.F.W. salute. She has seen Jerry Lewis perform. During World War II, she learned how to weld B-29 exhaust pipes. She made \$1.35 per hour. She once met Edward E. Quest, a poet from Detroit. She also met Henry Ford. Besides living in Michigan, Jane has also lived in California.

I would like to thank Jane for her time and interesting stories. □

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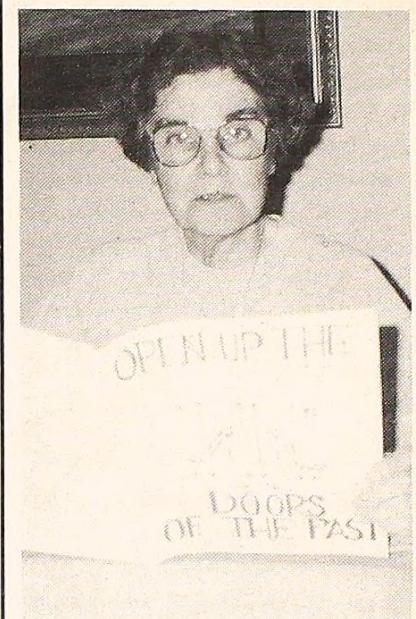
"When I Wanted To Know Something, I Turned on the Radio"

By Randy Troutt, Corey Bailey and Patrick Thomas

This is what we thought about our elder, Mildred Qualls. We thought that she was not going to give us information, so we could not do our report on her. We did get enough information to talk a little about Mildred. Mrs. Qualls said that we have more technology than she had when she was a kid. Mrs. Qualls made a living by being a bookkeeper.

Mildred Qualls was born in Troy, Illinois on January 16, 1921. She has nine brothers and sisters. Their parents owned a farm and they were hard workers. She and her parents had a good relationship. She worked on the farm for fun. They were sometimes poor. Her parents made her do well in school, or she would be beaten with a razor strap. She was married when she was 21. Her wedding was good. The hardest thing in her married life was when her husband died. The best thing was her children. Her advice to kids was to make sure you are in love before you get married. She was 22 when she had her first child. She had four, but one died at birth. One is a teacher, which made all "A's" in school. The best part of raising her children was watching them grow up. She will tell parents today to love their kids. She disagrees with both parents working. She thinks that parents should show more love.

Mildred Qualls went to school in Illinois. She made "A's" and "B's." She liked mathematics. She remembers one teacher that talked to her. She had a bad subject; it was government law. The teachers made you sit in the corner for bad behavior. She wants people to do all of their work and get an education. She would give advice to kids today to stay in school. She took it hard when Presi-



Mildred Qualls

dent Kennedy died. Truman was her favorite president. Wars affected her.

Mrs. Qualls lived in a civilization when they did not have televisions or any computers. When they wanted to know something, they turned on the radio. She said that the television today is bad, and she liked cars from back then because they looked better to her. She said that now she could not live without irons, dryers, washers, stoves, and refrigerators. She basically told us that she liked how things were back then. She told us also that her life was good.

Mildred said that her goals in life were not what she planned them to be. She wanted to be a doctor, but she could not become one. She accomplished being a Sunday school teacher, and she liked that job a lot. She said she would not change anything in the world in her life. Mildred Qualls did graduate and because of that she told us to never drop out of school and get an education so that we could accomplish our goals. □

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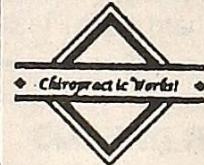
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